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EXTINCTION OF WILD LIFE SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the wild life species in the country and the species which are on the verge of extinction out of them; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to save these species?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) India has nearly 46,000 species of plants and about 81,000 species of known fauna that form part of wildlife habitat in the country. Of these, nearly 622 species of plants and 276 species of animals experience various degree of threat.

(b) Various programmes are being implemented for conservation of plants and animals, including threatened species. These include:

Survey, identification and monitoring of the floral and faunal resources by the BSI and ZSI respectively.In situ conservation through Protected Area Network consisting of National Parks and Wildlife, Sanctuaries, designation of representative ecosystems as Biosphere Reserves, species specific conservation programmes such as Project Tiger and Project Elephant.Eco-development activities in and around Protected areas. Programmes for scientific management and wise use of wetlands, mangroves and coral reefs. Ex-situ conservation through Botanical Gardens and Zoological Parks.Enactment of various legislations like Indian Forest Act, Wildlife (Protection) Act, Forest Conservation Act, Environment Protection Act etc., to provide adequate protection to the wildlife.